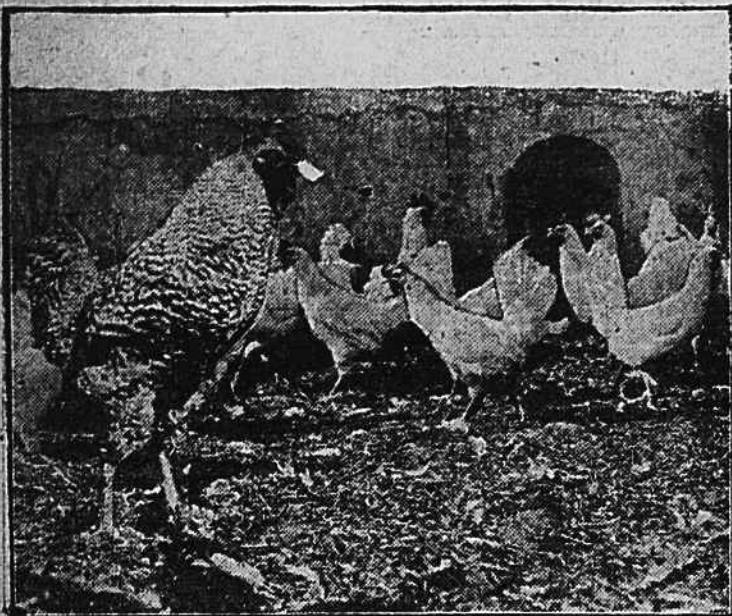


## For the Poultry Fancier

Information Which Will Help the Man Who Raises Chickens for Pleasure to Realize a Profit.

### THREE ESSENTIALS FOR EGG PRODUCTION



BARRED ROCK COCKEREL AND LEGHORN PULLETS.

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Egg production depends on four things, i. e., breeding, housing, feeding, and intelligent management. The very best rations will not give good results unless the fowls are comfortably housed, are bred for egg production, and are carefully handled generally. Good feeding is but a part of the problem.

The layers at the University Farm are fed as follows:

#### Grain.

Fifteen pounds whole wheat, ten pounds barley, whole or rolled; three pounds corn, whole Egyptian or cracked yellow.

#### Mash.

Five pounds bran, five pounds shorts or brown middlings, five pounds brown barley or oats, two pounds soy bean or linseed oil meal, three pounds meat scrap, one-half pound fine charcoal, one-tenth pound salt.

In addition green feed such as alfalfa, rape, kale, lawn clippings, cattle beets is plentifully supplied. Grit and oyster shell is kept before the fowls at all times in self-feeding hoppers.

#### Mixed Grain.

The mixed grain is fed in a deep litter, lightly in the morning and all the hens will consume at night. The dry mash should be kept in a hopper before the fowls as Leghorns at all times. For older hens of the Plymouth Rock and other heavy breeds the hopper may have to be kept closed till 1 p. m. each day, as these fowls have a tendency to eat too much mash, and as a result become over fat. Approximately one pint of grain to 10 hens is fed in the morning and one and one-half pints to 10 hens at night.

#### Meat Substitute.

If skim milk or buttermilk be available it may be kept before the fowls

in drinking fountains as substitute for meat scrap, and the meat scrap omitted from the ration. Fresh green bone may also be used in place of meat scrap. It may be fed separately every noon, giving the birds all they will clean up in 20 minutes or at the rate of one-half ounce per fowl per day. Milk may also be used to mix a wet mash.

#### Don't Overfeed.

Great care should be exercised in order not to overfeed the fowls. Best results are secured in both eggs and health of fowls when they are active and not over fat. Feed only what grain the fowls will eat up clean. They should be compelled to exercise vigorously in a deep straw litter for all their grain, especially in winter or when kept in limited yards. They should come hungry to every meal. Overfeeding is injurious to both health and egg production. Overfat hens easily contract disease and cannot produce eggs.

### SHIPPING POULTRY OR EGGS

Attractive Boxes and Coops, Neatly Tagged and Stenciled, is of Great Importance.

Everyone who has had much experience in shipping poultry or eggs to market or for hatching, and who has used attractive boxes and coops, neatly tagged and stenciled with the name of the farm or the shipper and his address, can give numerous instances of various orders received from people who have been attracted by the package at the express office or the railroad station. A neat package also insures more careful handling, because it indicates fragile contents.

waters and are now doing their bit in France.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McMann, of Second Creek, who were in the city shopping Monday, relate that they saw the famous belled buzzard in their neighborhood on Sunday, December 2, says the West Virginia News which is printed at Ronceverte. The buzzard had alighted in a tree and they were able to observe it closely. The bell was one of those small round bells known as turkey bells. The bird has been seen several times in Pocahontas, and in the Muddy creek section of this county, and its appearance in Monroe shows that it is covering considerable distance in its wanderings. No one seems willing to shoot it (as there is a penalty for killing a buzzard), and harring accidents it may live for quarter of a century yet.

### Christmas Masses At St. Peter's Church

In observance of Christmas day, special services will mark the day at St. Peter's Catholic church. Beginning at 6:30 o'clock the first high mass will be celebrated, this service to be followed by low masses until 10:30 when the second high mass will be celebrated. During the day six high masses will be celebrated. Father Boutou will officiate at the first three and Father Egan at the last three. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock short services will be held at the church. The church has been artistically decorated for Christmas.

#### MRS. MARTHA WOLF DIES.

Mrs. Martha Wolf, aged 17 years, and 9 months, died Saturday evening at Cook hospital of acute nephritis. She had been a patient there for two weeks. Mrs. Wolf was the wife of J. Martin Wolf, of Newberg and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Molisee, of that place. The body was taken to Newberg yesterday where funeral services were held today.

### BITS OF STATE NEWS

O. J. Locke, who resides on the old John Locke farm above Crisp on McKim creek, was in the city on Monday and showed us a curious specimen of the work of prehistoric man says the St. Mary's Oracle, which continues. It is unlike anything else in the line of relics we have seen, but some of our readers may be acquainted with its use, if they can get an idea from this faint description.

It is made apparently of stone, rather soft, of a yellowish color but slightly mottled with brown. It is in the shape of a crescent, the horns being about three inches apart, and the height about two inches. It is about three-quarters of an inch thick with a half-inch perforation running from the convex to the concave edge of the crescent. Our first impression was that it might have been used as a pipe, but the perforation is too small to hold enough tobacco for a good smell. It may have been used as an ornament. It was found at the mouth of Big Panther run by Mrs. Locke about thirty years ago, lying among the mud and silt washed out by a freshet.

From the West Virginia News is taken the following report of successful hog raising in Greenbrier county. H. B. Fullen butchered an eleven-month-old pig at his place across the river Wednesday which weighed when dressed 540 pounds. This pig was a Tamworth purchased at the age of two months from Mr. B. F. Johnson of Fort Spring, and was raised principally on seperated milk. When standing on its feet this hog was 39 inches high, and when hung on a pole measured six feet eight inches in length.

Last week's issue of the Buckhannon Delta contained the following:

"Altho Wesleyan College has been making the best athletic record of her history during the last few months, for which she is duly proud, she has also been doing her part in furnishing men to make up the big national army which the United States government has been developing during the year. Of the 152 male students who were in college last year, almost one-third of that number, or to be exact, 50 percent are now in some branch of the service. Even this small number of 45 is well distributed, and Wesleyan men may be found in almost every camp in the country, either as privates or as officers, and some five or six have already crossed the

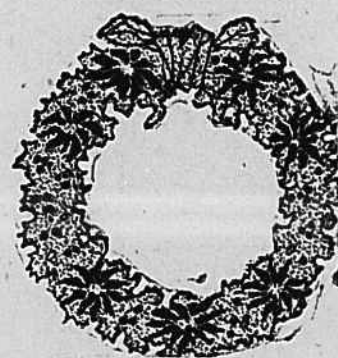
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